



MILDENHALL RURAL DISTRICT

in the

Administrative County of West Suffolk

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the year

1968

A N N U A L R E P O R T

of the

Medical Officer of Health for the Rural District of Mildenhall
in the County of West Suffolk for the year ended the 31st of
December, 1968.

Public Health Department,

Severals House,

Newmarket.

July, 1969.

To the Chairman and Councillors of
the Rural District of Mildenhall

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report for the year 1968.

The Birth Rate, as in previous years, was slightly higher than
that for the country as a whole.

The Death Rate was very much lower than that for England and Wales.

The Infant Mortality Rate or deaths of infants under one year of
age was much lower than the national average.

The three vital statistics which indicate an exceptionally
satisfactory state of public health are, of course, influenced favourably
by the high proportion of healthy young married service personnel in the
District.

The incidence of Infectious Disease, which was of a mild nature,
was generally low.

I wish to express my appreciation of the help afforded me in
compiling the report by the Public Health Inspector, the Clerk of the
Council and the Engineer and Surveyor.

My thanks are also offered to the Chairman and all members of the
Public Health Committee for their help and encouragement throughout the
year.

As Dr. Morgan resigned during the year I have prepared this Report
on his behalf.

J. R. M. Murdoch

Medical Officer of Health

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE AUTHORITY

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

A. Farnill Morgan, M.B., B.S., L.R.C.P.,
L.R.C.S., D.P.H., (Durham), Cert. Mental
Deficiency and Allied Subjects (London).

Resigned September 1968

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

E. Banks, Cert. S.I.B., M.A.P.H.I., Cert.
Inspector of Meat and Other Food.
Cert. R.S.I.

SECTION A

Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area

General Statistics 1968 - R.G.'s estimate of population 29,620

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR

LIVE BIRTHS										Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	240	238	478
Illegitimate	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13	4	17
Total										253	242	495

Live birth rate per 1,000 population	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16.7
Corrected birth rate (Comp. factor 1.05)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	17.5
Live birth rate per 1,000 population (England & Wales)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16.9
Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3.4

STILL BIRTHS										Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	-	2
Illegitimate	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	-	-	-
Total										2	-	2

Stillbirth rate per 1,000 total live and stillbirths	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4.0
" " " " " " " " " " (Eng. & Wales)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14.0

TOTAL LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS										Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	242	238	480
Illegitimate	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13	4	17
Total										255	242	497

DEATHS										Male	Female	Total
Death rate per 1,000 population	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	102	72	174
Corrected death rate (Comp. factor 1.61)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5.9
Death rate per 1,000 population (England & Wales)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9.5
Death rate per 1,000 population (England & Wales)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11.9

INFANT MORTALITY - Deaths of infants under one year of age

										Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	3	5
Illegitimate	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	-	-	-
Total										2	3	5

INFANT MORTALITY RATES

Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10.1
" " " " " " " " " " (England & Wales)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18.0
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legit. live births	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10.5
Illegitimate " " " " " " " " " " " illegit. " "	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	-

NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE

Deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births	4.0
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EARLY NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE

Deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births	4.0
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PERINATAL MORTALITY RATE

Stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and stillbirths	8.0
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MATERNAL MORTALITY

Number of deaths (including abortion)	NIL
Death rate per 1,000 total live and still births	NIL

The following table gives the causes and the number of deaths that occurred during 1968 :-

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Other infective and parasitic diseases	2	-
Malignant neoplasm - stomach	3	1
Malignant neoplasm - lung, bronchus	8	1
Malignant neoplasm - breast	-	1
Malignant neoplasm - uterus	-	3
Other malignant neoplasms, etc.	11	6
Diabetes Mellitus	2	-
Other diseases of blood, etc.	-	1
Other diseases of nervous system, etc.	1	-
Chronic rheumatic heart disease	2	1
Hypertensive disease	2	-
Ischaemic heart disease	24	11
Other forms of heart disease	5	3
Cerebrovascular disease	13	19
Other diseases of circulatory system	3	2
Influenza	2	1
Pneumonia	2	9
Bronchitis and emphysema	5	2
Other diseases of respiratory system	1	4
Peptic ulcer	1	-
Other diseases of digestive system	-	1
Nephritis and nephrosis	2	-
Hyperplasia of prostate	1	-
Other diseases, genito-urinary system	2	-
Diseases of musculo-skeletal system	-	1
Birth injury, difficult labour etc.	-	1
Other causes of perinatal mortality	-	1
Symptoms and ill-defined conditions	1	-
Motor vehicle accidents	8	1
All other accidents	-	2
All other external causes	1	-
	<hr/> 102 <hr/>	<hr/> 72 <hr/>

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SECTION B

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

(a) LABORATORY SERVICES. The Public Health Laboratory Service, Tennis Court Road, Cambridge, provides an excellent bacteriological service and most readily discusses and advises on any epidemiological or similar problem. Dr. S.Greenburgh, Public Analyst, Tenison Road, Cambridge, gives a similar, efficient, helpful service when chemical analyses are requested.

(b) AMBULANCE FACILITIES. These services since July, 1953, have been provided directly by the County Council under the direction of Dr. D.A. McCracken, the County Medical Officer of Health.

(c) NURSING IN THE HOME. The West Suffolk County Council District Nurse-Midwives carry out these duties.

(d) CLINICS AND TREATMENT CENTRES. The West Suffolk County Council hold Infant Welfare Clinics at the following centres in the Mildenhall District.

Beck Row	Village Hall	2nd and 4th Wednesday
Brandon	Church Institute	2nd and 4th Tuesday
Lakenheath	Peace Memorial Hall	4th Thursday
Mildenhall	Bunbury Rooms	Every Friday

Outpatients clinics are held at Newmarket General Hospital as follows :-

Anti-Coagulant	Dr. J.H. Dean	Mon. & Fri.	2.00 p.m.
Appliances	Mr. Ockendon	Mon. (alternate weeks)	10.30 a.m.
Cardiac	Dr. H.A. Fleming	Mon. (3rd bi-monthly)	9.45 a.m.
	Dr. D.W. Evans	Mon. (4th bi-monthly)	9.45 a.m.
Chest	Dr. C.P. Hay	Thurs.	2.00 p.m.
		Fri. (alternate)	11.00 a.m.
Dental (Oral)	Mr. E.W.B. Varley	Wed.	2.00 p.m.
Dermatology	Dr. A.J. Rook	Thurs.	9.45 a.m.
E.N.T.	Mr. K.F. Wilsdon	Mon.	2.00 p.m.
Geriatric	Dr. W. Davison	Wed. (Wards B.4 & B.6)	a.m.
	Dr. D.E. Hyams	Fri. (Ward B.3)	p.m.
Gynaecological and Obstetrics	Mr. J.S. Hesketh	Fri. (Gynaecological)	9.30 a.m.
		Tues. (Ante & Post-Natal)	
		Maternity Ward	10.00 a.m.
	Registrar	Tues. (Ante & Post-Natal)	
		Maternity Ward	2.00 p.m.
		Thurs. - ditto -	10.00 a.m.
	Mr. O. Lloyd	Mon. (Alternate weeks)	2.00 p.m.
Medical	Dr. R. Arden Jones	Tues. & Wed.	2.00 p.m.
	Dr. I.E. Evans	Thurs.	2.00 p.m.
Neurology	Dr. M.F.T. Yealland	Thurs.	10.00 a.m.
Ophthalmic	Mr. J. Monkton	Tues.	2.00 p.m.
		Mon. & Fri. (Glaucoma cases only - 3rd Mon. in month)	10.00 a.m.
Orthopaedic	Mr. E.S. Jamieson	Mon.	10.30 a.m.
		Fri.	2.00 p.m.
		Sat. (Children only - alternate Sats.)	10.15 a.m.
	Mr. R. Magnall	Wed. (1st in month only)	10.00 a.m.
		Wed. (3rd in month only)	
		Physiotherapy	10.00 a.m.
Paediatrics	Dr. D.M.T. Gairdner	Wed. (1st & 3rd in month)	9.30 a.m.
Physical Medicine	Dr. W.A. Fell	Wed.	9.30 a.m.
Surgical	Mr. R.E.B. Tagart	Tues. & Fri.	9.15 a.m.
	Mr. T.M. Williams	Thurs.	10.00 a.m.
Thoracic Surgery	Mr. B.B. Milstein	Mon. (2nd in month)	10.00 a.m.
	Mr. C. Parish	Mon. (4th in month)	10.00 a.m.

(e) HOSPITALS. Of the 495 live births in 1968 to Mildenhall residents 128 took place at the Newmarket General Hospital.

Of the 174 deaths, 87 occurred outside the District (82 in Hospitals)

SECTION C

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

The following table shows the number of infectious and other diseases notified during the year :-

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Measles	22	29
Whooping Cough	4	9
Scarlet Fever	1	-
Total	<u>27</u>	<u>38</u>

TUBERCULOSIS

New Cases and Mortality

NEW CASES

	<u>1968</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>1963</u>	<u>1962</u>	<u>1961</u>	<u>1960</u>
Pulmonary	1	1	1	2	-	2	1	6	7
Non-Pulmonary	-	-	1	-	3	-	1	1	-

Ages of Cases notified during 1968

Pulmonary - 1 male 71 years

Mortality - There were no deaths from tuberculosis during the year.

TUBERCULOSIS REGISTER

	<u>Pulmonary</u>		<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>		
	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	Total
1. Cases at commencement 1968	14	14	4	3	35
2. First notified during 1968	1	-	-	-	1
3. Restored to Register	-	-	-	-	-
4. Added by Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
* 5. Cases removed from Register	11	12	2	3	28
6. Remaining at 31.12.68	4	2	2	-	8

* During the year the Tuberculosis Register was brought up to date.

Public Health Officers of the Authority - 1968

(a) MEDICAL One part-time Medical Officer of Health.

A. Farnill Morgan, M.B., B.S., L.R.C.P.,
L.R.C.S., D.P.H. (Durham). Cert. Mental
Deficiency and Allied Subjects (London).

This Officer does not engage in private
practice but holds in addition the
following appointments:-

Medical Officer of Health:	Newmarket U.D.C.
	Haverhill U.D.C.
	Clare R.D.C.
Assistant County Medical Officer:	West Suffolk C.C.

Appointed April, 1960.

Dr. Farnill Morgan resigned from this post on the
15th of September, 1968 and the duties were under-
taken temporarily by Dr. D. A. McCracken the County
Medical Officer of Health.

(b) OTHER. One Public Health Inspector

E. Banks, Cert. S.I.B., M.A.P.H.I., Cert. Inspector
of Meat and Other Food. Cert. R.S.I.


Appointed April, 1947.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

Councillor T. S. Baldwin,	Chairman.
" Rev. F. Eley,	Vice-Chairman
" Mrs. A. M. Barclay.	
" F. L. Bennett.	
" H. M. Black.	
" Mrs. E. A. E. Carter.	
" L. R. Ford.	
" T. A. Hagger.	
" H. J. Kidd.	
" B. A. M. Lingwood.	
" W. J. Lock.	
" S. Marston.	
" W. G. Moatt.	
" R. Morley.	
" W. H. Morley.	
" E. G. Plumptre.	
" T. W. Taylor.	
" W. Taylor.	

Mr. F. Dannatt, Clerk of the Council.

Mr. E. W. E. Hall, C.Eng., M.I.Mun.E., A.R.I.C.S., M.R.S.H.,
Engineer and Surveyor.



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To: The Chairman and Councillors of
the Rural District of Mildenhall,

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit the Annual Report dealing with the
sanitary circumstances of the District for the year
1968.

I wish to express my appreciation to the Clerk of
the Council, the Engineer and Surveyor, and their res-
pective staffs, for the help afforded me in complying
the report.

Your obedient servant,

E. BAIKS.

Public Health Inspector

Sanitary circumstances of the area

Water supply of the District. Particulars regarding the water supply of the District is now the subject of a special report which is forwarded to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government by the Engineer to the Ely, Mildenhall and Newmarket Water Board.

A summary of chemical characteristics of water supply by the Board is given in the following table.

(In parts per million)

SOURCE	p.H.	HARDNESS			FLUORIDES
		Perm	Temp	TOTAL	
Brandon	7.5	35	155	190	Less than 0.15
Eriswell No. 1	7.5	30	160	190	Less than 0.10
Eriswell No. 2	7.5	25	165	190	Less than 0.10
Moulton	7.2	115	240	355	Less than 0.10
Tuddenham	7.3	60	195	255	0.10
Beck Row (Part)	7.1	80	260	340	Less than 0.10

Routine water samples are taken monthly from the Bore Holes by the Water Board for Bacteriological examination and once a year for Chemical Analysis.

Various water samples are also taken by the Local Authority's Public Health Department as shown by the undermentioned table.

SAMPLE	Main Supplies		Private Supplies		TOTAL
	Satis- factory	Unsatis- factory	Satis- factory	Unsatis- factory	
Bacteriological	38	2	39	10	89
Chemical	0	0	0	0	0

The two unsatisfactory samples of Main supplies were obtained from a dwelling within a new estate, a subsequent sample was proved satisfactory and no further investigation was necessary.

The Annual Report for 1967 mentioned the milk production unit at which unsatisfactory samples of water supply from a private source had been discovered. A further series of sampling was continued into 1968 when eventually a chlorination plant was installed to treat the water and provide a wholesome supply.

In another case, doubts were raised by the U.S.A.F. Authorities concerning the private water supply to a small group of dwellings occupied by their personnel. An unsatisfactory supply was discovered and until remedial works can be carried out a daily supply of drinking water is delivered to the seven dwellings concerned. This matter is being kept under review.

All other unsatisfactory water samples of private supplies were subsequently found to be satisfactory following minor remedial work.

As as 31st December, 1968 (1)	Total Houses in Parish (2)	with piped water (3)	Number with piped water (4)	Inside House (5)	Standpipe outside (6)	Ely, Mildenhall & Newmarket Water Board (7)	Clare R.D.C. (8)	Private Piped Supply (9)	Houses supplied first time 1968 (10)
Barton Hills	237		237	233	4	230		7	6
Brandon	1543		1533	1518	15	1502		31	56
Cavenham	43		43	43	-	28		15	-
Dalham	89		89	89	-	69	20	-	1
Elveden	137		137	137	-	-		137	3
Eriswell	104		104	104	-	85		19	-
Freckenham	276		273	273	-	269		4	2
Gazeley	181		179	175	6	163		16	17
Herringswell	66		64	63	1	49		15	3
Higham	70		70	62	3	-		70	-
Icklingham	137		135	131	4	122		13	-
Kentford	80		76	72	6	76		2	1
Lakenheath	882		871	859	12	867		4	33
Mildenhall	2502		2288	2278	10	2283		5	172
Moulton	331		331	331	-	331		-	20
Santon Downham	90		86	86	-	4		82	2
Tuddenham	123		120	117	3	114		6	3
Wangford	11		9	9	-	-		9	-
Worlington	153		152	149	3	142		10	13
Totals for Mildenhall R.D.	6855	99%	6799	6727	72	6334	20	445	(-30) 332
Totals for previous years 1967	6566	99%	6497	6413	84	6034	20	443	(-36) 310
1966	6307	98.5%	6223	6120	103	5762	20	441	(-9) 357
1965	5977	98%	5875	5731	144	5420	20	435	374

Note The minus sign in column 10 indicates the number of houses with water supply which were demolished. (30 houses)

The Villages and number of houses in each Parish provided with piped water supply is indicated on the Table on Page 7, but does not include the houses on the R.A.F. Stations at Mildenhall and Lakenheath.

Swimming Baths. There are five swimming baths in the District at the present time, for the use exclusively of the pupils of Moulton, Eriswell, Mildenhall and Tuddenham Junior Schools and Breckland Secondary School, Brandon. The water in the swimming baths is periodically tested by the County Council.

Closet Accommodation. Conversion of Pail Closets to W.C.'s during 1968 numbered 17 of which 11 were carried out with the aid of Standard or Discretionary Grants, and six were given the grant under the Public Health Act, 1936.

The Council do not now operate a pail closet clearance service in any part of the District. Parishes which formerly received the service now have a public sewerage scheme.

Drainage and Sewerage. 3,763 houses, which is 55% of the total of 6855 inhabited houses in the District, are connected to modern sewerage works, of which 359 were connected during 1968. There are, of course, many more houses in the District each with their own, private, separate satisfactory drainage. From this it follows that about another 43% of the houses in the District are thus drained into septic tanks, and 2% have no proper drainage facilities.

The drainage of the 330 new houses provided in 1968 was dealt with as follows:-

(a) Connected to modern sewerage plants	279	(85%)
(b) Connected to septic tanks	51	(15%)

There are now 15 sewerage disposal works in operation, some being maintained privately, as shown by the statistic table on Page 9.

The Council have a programme for providing sewerage schemes to other villages and the present situation is as follows:-

Dalham. This scheme, designed by the Council's Engineer and Surveyor, was completed and brought into service during the year.

West Row. This scheme, designed by the Council's Engineer and Surveyor, received the approval of the Ministry and constructional work was commenced.

Barton Mills and Worlington. Schemes for both of these Villages were prepared by Messrs. John Haiste and Partners, Consulting Engineers, and constructional works were commenced during the year.

Mildenhall. A scheme has been prepared by Messrs. John Haiste and Partners for the extension to the sewage disposal works and was out to tender at the end of the year.

Red Lodge and Freckenham. Separate schemes for these Villages have been prepared by the Council's Engineer and Surveyor and were submitted to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government for their approval.

Future Sewerage Schemes. Subject to Ministry policy and approval the sewerage schemes for the Villages of Herringswell, Cavenham, Holywell Row/Beck Row and Kentford are being designed within the period 1969/71.

Total Houses connected to Modern Sewerage Works as at 31.12.68

The figures in brackets show the change during the year.

This table does not include the houses on the R.A.F. Stations.

	<u>Council Houses</u>	<u>Private</u>	<u>Hut- ments</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Barton Mills	NIL	24 (5)	NIL	24 Private Scheme
Brandon	394 (10)	963 (40)	2	1359 Public Scheme
Cavenham	NIL	21	NIL	21 Private Scheme
Dalham	NIL	17 (17)	NIL	17 Public Scheme
Freckenham (Red Lodge)	NIL	37	NIL	37 Public Scheme
Gazeley	62	61 (36)	NIL	123 Public Scheme
Higham	NIL	25 (1)	NIL	25 Private Scheme
Icklingham	38	42 (23)	NIL	80 Public Scheme
Lakenheath	205	378 (36)	5	588 Public Scheme
Mildenhall	634 (113)	489 (31)	NIL	1123 Public Scheme
Moulton	47 (4)	135 (31)	NIL	182 Public Scheme
	NIL	46 (1)	NIL	46 Public Scheme
Santon Downham	NIL	60	NIL	60 Private Scheme
Tuddenham	32	36 (11)	NIL	68 Public Scheme
Worlington	NIL	10	NIL	10 Private Scheme
<u>TOTALS</u>	1412 (127)	2344 (232)	7	3763 (359)

Cesspool Clearance. The Council's two cesspool emptiers, which are controlled by the Engineer and Surveyor's Department, are fully employed within the District.

During the year 1,682 clearances were made, of which 829 were given free of charge under the Council's Scheme.

There are still approximately 2,900 dwellings in the District with cesspool drainage but with the inception of main sewerage schemes this number is being reduced annually.

Rivers and Streams. This condition of the rivers and streams call for no special comment. The River Authority take regular samples of sewage effluent which discharges into the rivers and if the samples do not comply with the required standard, action is taken by the Local Authority to adjust the condition of the effluent discharge to satisfy the River Authority's requirements.

Public Conveniences. The Public Conveniences provided at Mildenhall in 1951 are suitable and adequate at the present time. A scheme, prepared by the Engineer and Surveyor, for the reconstruction and refitting of the Public Conveniences at Brandon received the approval of the Ministry of Housing and Local Government and tenders were invited for the work. A Public Convenience is to be provided at Lakenheath but awaits a suitable site.

Public Cleansing. The refuse collection system, which is operated by the Engineer and Surveyor's Department, is continually being extended to serve new developments. There are now two refuse collection vehicles fully employed and one vehicle part time. All the vehicles are of the Hydraulic ram packing type.

Although the greater part of the inhabited areas receive a weekly refuse collection, there are a number of smaller villages and outlying areas which have a fortnightly collection.

Disused pits are utilised for the disposal of the refuse, they are becoming difficult to find and acquire. Some improvements have been made to the controlled tipping facilities at the principal pits situated at Lakenheath, Dalham and Herringswell in order to make better use of these pits.

The provisions of the Civic Amenities Act, 1967 where applicable, have been instituted.

Any question of further improvement to the service in general will be considered at the annual estimates when the Engineer and Surveyor submits his report.

Salvage. Salvage materials collected by the refuse vehicle staff was as follows:- Waste paper 105 tons, Scrap Iron and Metals 15 tons, Rags 9 tons. A total value of £645 0s. 0d.

Clean Air Act. Three cases of contraventions under the Clean Air Act were dealt with informally, the firms concerned complied with the notifications.

Eradication of Bed Bugs. No cases of bed bug infestation occurred in the District during 1968.

Rat Destruction. One Rodent Operator, Mr. G. Rudderham, is employed by the Council. The amount of work accomplished by him can be assessed from the copy of the twelve month report which is on Page 12. The main poisons used were Warfarin and Zinc Phosphide. Treatment at dwelling houses is provided without charge, whilst a charge of 10s. 0d. per hour is made at business premises and 12s. 6d. per hour at agricultural premises, except for eight agricultural premises which are contracted for by the Council on a yearly basis.

The Rodent Operator is required to carry out the extermination of moles and wasp nests as an additional service, for which charges are made. During the year he dealt with twenty one complaints concerning moles and five wasp nests. Wasps were not very active this year and there was a marked decrease in the number of requests for this service.

His duties also include the periodical spraying of the Council's refuse pits during the summer months to restrict flies and other insects.

Licensed Premises. With very few isolated exceptions, every licensed house is provided with a washing sink with hot and cold water supply adjacent to the public rooms. Most of the houses have been provided with "Central Service" counters which have the advantage of making the cleaning facilities readily available for all sections.

The Rag, Flock and Other Filling Materials Act, 1951. The premises in the District, which carry out upholstery work, repairs, remaking and re-conditioning of articles are exempted from registration under Section 1(2)(a) of the Act.

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963. Twenty seven premises were inspected during the year under the Act. Fifty seven inspections were made during the year including re-visits. All of the registered premises have received an initial general inspection. There are no outstanding matters and no prosecutions were instituted.

Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act. There are 57 licensed sites for caravans, on which some 447 caravans are authorised. One main site of 70 caravans is closing down because the land is required for Industrial Development, and there are now 10 main sites licensed to contain between 12 and 101 caravans. The remaining sites are occupied by 1 to 3 caravans.

The Site Licences for caravan sites in excess of three caravans are conditional on the owners complying with the Model Standards laid down by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government.

Radioactive Substances Act, 1960. This Act places a duty on a Local Authority to accept and deal with radioactive wastes sent to their refuse tips, in accordance with an authorisation, and Local Authorities are asked to co-operate where this is the method of disposal. Local Authorities are sent copies of registration and authorisation certificates.

One such notification is on hand but this Local Authority is unlikely to become involved in the discharge of waste matter.

Summary of Inspections carried out during 1968

Sanitary Inspections of the Area

Inspection and re-inspection of houses under the Public Health and Housing Act.	802
Caravan Sites and Caravan Act.	182
Factories and Workshops	59
Shops and Office	57
School Sanitation	NIL
Drains etc.	NIL
Public Conveniences	17
Disinfections and disinfestations	1
Interviews	27
Nuisances	16

17 Informal Notices were outstanding at the end of 1967 and complied with in 1968.

105 Informal Notices were served during 1968. All were complied with except 9 which remained outstanding at the end of the year.

Two Statutory Notices were served and both have been complied with.

C O P Y

ANNUAL REPORT ON RATS AND MICE

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1968

Local Authority Mildenhall Rural District Council.

County West Suffolk.

PROPERTIES OTHER THAN SEWERS.

Type of Property

	<u>Non Agricultural</u>	<u>Agricultural</u>
1. Number of properties in District	7185	620
2. (a) Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification.	485	15
(b) Number infested by:-		
(i) Rats	282	15
(ii) Mice	45	NIL
3. (a) Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification.	948	22
(b) Number infested by:-		
(i) Rats	133	20
(ii) Mice	39	2
.....		
	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
4. Of sewers treated were any infested by rats	---	1 (Lakenheath)

FACTORIES ACT, 1937 to 1961

Inspection for purposes of provisions as to health

	Number on Register	Number of:-		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
Factories (no power in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority	6	2	NIL	NIL
Factories (with power) not included above in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	113	57	5	NIL
Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises)	17	4	NIL	NIL
TOTALS	136	63	5	NIL

	M/C line No. 4	No. of cases in which defects were found				Number of prosectuions instituted
		Found	Remedied	Referred		
				To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Sanitary Conveniences unsuitable or defective	S.7	5	3	NIL	1	NIL

The two cases not remedied, involved reconstruction of the sanitary accommodation and work was progressing at the end of the year.

Part VIII of the Act

O U T W O R K

(Sections 133 and 134)

Nature of work	Section 133			Section 134		
	No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 133 (1) (c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Lampshades	8	0	0	0	0	0
Wearing apparel	21	0	0	0	0	0

SECTION E

HOUSING CIRCUMSTANCES IN THE AREA

(1)	(a)	Total number of houses inspected for defects under the Public Health and Housing Acts.	504
	(b)	Number of Inspections made for purposes	802
(2)		Number of houses (included in sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Consolidation) Regulations, 1935	NIL
(3)		Number of houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	17
(4)		Number of houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceeding sub-head) found not to be in all respects fit for human habitation	22
(5)		Number of houses demolished during the year as a result of Demolition Orders.	10
(6)		Number of houses demolished without formal notice	21

2. Remedy of defects during the year without service of Formal Notice.

Number of defective dwellings rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority Officers. By Owners.	16
Houses completely reconditioned and improved under Housing (Improvement) Act, 1949/59	3

Remedy of defects during the year following the service of Formal Notice

Houses reconditioned and rendered fit by owners and Demolition Orders or Closing Orders cancelled by the Council	1
Houses reconditioned and rendered fit by Owners and conditional Undertakings cancelled by Council	4

Time and Place Notices served during 1968. 17

Action

Closing Orders	4
Demolition Orders	10
Conditional Undertakings accepted	3
Purchased by Council	NIL
Outstanding at end of year	NIL

Houses in Multiple Occupation. There are very few houses in multiple occupation in the District.

Housing Act, 1949/59. Improvement work during 1968 was completed on 34 houses and the total value of grant paid was £7,347 an average of £237 per house - figures in 1967 were 41 houses, £8,682 total grant, £212 (approximately) on average. Twelve pre-war Council Houses were also fully modernised.

Houses erected in the District during 1968.

New Council Houses	131
Private Houses	194
Conversion of buildings into houses (Private)	5

Provision of Council Houses. A table showing the provision of Council Houses in the various parishes is set out overleaf.

PROVISION OF COUNCIL HOUSES.

<u>Parish</u>	<u>Total Houses in Parish</u>	<u>Total Council Houses</u>	<u>Pre- War</u>	<u>War Time</u>	<u>Post War</u>	<u>Misc. Family Units</u>	<u>% of Houses in the Parish which are Council Houses</u>
Barton Hills	237	66	14		51	1	28%
Brandon	1543	394	94		279 (10)	21	26%
Cavenham	43	NIL	-			-	NIL
Dalham	89	NIL	-			-	NIL
Elveden	137	NIL	-			-	NIL
Eriswell	104	NIL	-			-	NIL
Freckenham	276	44	6		34	4	16%
Gazeley	181	62	-		62	-	34%
Herringswell	66	10	-	2	8	-	15%
Higham	70	NIL	-			-	NIL
Hicklingham	137	38	6		32	-	28%
Kentford	80	18	-		18	-	22%
Lakenheath	882	202	44	2	141	15	23%
Mildenhall	2302	745	80	2	642 (117)	21	32%
Moulton	331	49	-		44 (4)	5	15%
Santon Downham	90	NIL	-			-	NIL
Tuddenham	123	32	14		18	-	26%
Wangford	11	NIL	-			-	NIL
Worlington	153	21	8		12	1	14%
<u>TOTALS</u>	6855	1681	266	6	1341 (131)	68	24.5%

The figures in brackets indicate houses built during 1968

SECTION F

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

- (a) Milk Supply: The duties of the Authority are curtailed to the surveillance of milk in distribution from dairies other than producer retail dairies. The number of distributors in the District was 3.

	<u>Tuberculin Tested and Pasturised Dealer</u>
Wortley, High Street, Lakenheath	1
Elmer Bros., The Paddocks, Santon Downham	1
Bridge Farm Dairies, Limited, Mildenhall	1
<u>TOTAL</u>	3

No infringements of the various Regulations were observed during visits to the Dealers' premises in 1968. Series of samples, taken during the summer months to ascertain the keeping qualities of the milk, all proved satisfactory.

- (b) Meat and Other Foods. Regular visits of inspection are paid to the Slaughterhouse in the area and all meat slaughtered is inspected.

Ice-Cream. There are no factories in the area and all ice-cream is pre-packed before delivery for sale to the 76 retailers on the Register in the District.

Mobile ice cream vendors are prevalent and are under observation, vehicles which are being operated by two persons from premises within the District are kept under constant supervision.

Cafes and Canteens. These are inspected at regular intervals and employees advised on matters of hygiene. Canteens at industrial premises are also inspected for action where necessary.

Food condemned as unfit for human consumption.

Canned Milk	NIL	Liver	NIL
" Vegetables	11 lbs.	Pork	NIL
" Fruit	7 lbs.	Beef	1½ lbs.
" Meat	71 lbs.	Lamb	NIL
" Fish	NIL	Fish	NIL
		Cereals	NIL
		Chicken	NIL

It was also necessary to condemn 325 lbs. of frozen food stuffs due to the break-down of deep freeze cabinets in three premises.

Number of Licensed Slaughterhouses	1
Number of visits to Butchers premises (Food Hygiene)	49
Number of visits to Slaughterhouse for Meat Inspection purposes	119

The table on Page 17 shows the total number of carcasses inspected and the relative number of carcasses which were found to be affected by disease

Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part.

	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	97	NIL	NIL	474	8	NIL
Number inspected	97	NIL	NIL	474	8	NIL
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci.</u>	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Whole carcasses condemned.						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	12	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci.	12%	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
<u>Tuberculosis Only.</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
<u>Cysticercosis</u>						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration.	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Generalised and totally condemned.	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL

MEAT CONDEMNED AT SLAUGHTERHOUSE

<u>Tuberculosis</u>			<u>Other Diseases etc.</u>		
<u>Bovines</u>	<u>Pigs</u>	<u>Sheep</u>	<u>Bovines</u>	<u>Pigs</u>	<u>Sheep</u>
NIL	NIL	NIL	12 Livers	NIL	NIL

Food and Drugs Act, 1955 - Details of food premises
subject to the Food Hygiene Regulations, 1960

Type of Premises	Number of premises	No. fitted to comply with Regulation 16 (wash-hand basins)	No. to which Reg. 19 applies (Facilities for washing food and equipment)	No. of premises fitted to comply with Reg. 19	Inspections
1. Bakehouses	3	3	3	3	27
Butchers	13	13	13	13	49
Cafes	12	12	12	12	89
Dairies	3	3	1	1	11
Fishmongers	5	5	5	5	48
Greengrocers	3	3	3	3	NIL
Provision Dealers	61	61	59	59	65
Sweet Shops	13	13	10	10	2
2. Ice Cream Premises	75	75	75	75	5
Preserved food premises	40	40		PREPARED	ITEMS
Public Houses and licensed Clubs	52	52	52	52	3
Hotels	8	8	8	8	2
Canteens	6	6	6	6	4

5. Total number of Inspections 277

7. Mobile ice-cream vendors are also operating in the District with soft serve freezing

9. ADULNERATION, ETC.
4. Personal education of Food Hygiene given to most of the Food Handlers.

8. Inspections have been carried out in order to bring all food premises up to the standard required.

CHEMICAL AND BACTERIO-LOGICAL EXAMINATION
5. Condemned meat is stained and forwarded to processing manufacturers. Small quantities stained and burned or buried. Tinned food stained and buried.

NUTRITION

NO CHANGE
6. No ice-cream manufacturers in the District. All shop retailers sell pre-packed ice-cream.

SHELL FISH

WATER CRESS

